REMARKS

The present amendment is being submitted to reduce the total number of claims, in an effort to reduce the claims fees. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

Enclosed is a check for \$150.00 in payment of excess claims fees for the 3 extra total claims over twenty. Also enclosed is a check for \$365.00 in payment of the National Stage Search and Examination fees, as well as the surcharge for late payment of these fees. Applicants note that a declaration of the inventors was filed in this case on July 7, 2006. Thus, with the present submission of the outstanding fees in this case, Applicants submit that the application can now be considered complete with respect to the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 371.

If there are any additional charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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